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September 4, 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME

Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers. We welcome your gifted presence in the life of our parish.

OUR MISSION

Holy Cross Parish, a community centered in the Eucharist, is committed in faith and love of Jesus Christ to fulfill the profoundly human and spiritual needs of its parishioners and the larger community it serves. We seek to inspire all, through deeds and by example, to do the work of Christ: to make God known, loved, and served.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday 9:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am, 7pm

Confession

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45pm

Other by Appointment

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Dear Parishioners,

Labor Day Weekend 2022. Where has the summer gone? I went to the beach for the first-time last week, and it seemed like it had just begun! There were so many days in the mid to high 90s this summer that kept me inside trying to keep cool, when I don't feel like getting out there and gardening, fishing, or being at the beach you know it's hot. Hopefully we will have a nice long autumn that starts off with highs in the 80s and ends in the 50s. In previous years I have swam at Craigsville Beach in Hyannis in early October! One can always hope.

Both Robin Horrigan (Monday & Tuesday) and Penny Brennan (Wednesday & Thursday) are settling very well job sharing the front office Administrative Assistant position they began a couple weeks ago. Part of the challenge of making sure communications from parishioners and parish leaders is seamless requires us to use the info@holycrosseaston.org email address for parish business involving the front office, things like bulletin announcement requests, Mass intentions, signing of forms, requesting sacramental records, etc. It is a common inbox that both have access to and can communicate to each other within as Tuesday flows into Wednesday. Thank you for your attentiveness to this request. It is listed on the cover of bulletins for easy access and accessible through a link on the parish homepage.

Next weekend, Sunday, September 11th 10am Mass and after is our Welcome Back Parish Picnic, Dedication and Blessing of our new church sign, and Celebration of our Feast Day, September 14th, the Exultation of the Holy Cross. Come celebrate being Holy Cross Parish in our 56th year of making God known, loved, and served. I'm hoping many faces we haven't seen in two years will be back in the pews praying with us again and after Mass we will bless the sign and then share in food and fun out back. Make sure to reach out in person, on the phone, texting, and social media to family and friends inviting them to come back to church. The plan was also to have the Pay Off the Debt donor plaques installed as well but that is taking a bit longer making sure we have the wording correct for generations to come. Many thanks to parishioners who originally gave to break ground and now some of the same families and many new ones who appreciate how much we all like and use the Parish Center. One of my favorite songs from growing up is Cool and the Gang's "Celebration!"; a very appropriate song to jive to this month as we continue coming together after being apart due to the pandemic that we are learning to live with together. Let's pray the new school year starts happy and healthy from pre-school through graduate school, and gatherings for game watches and autumn parties are pleasant and pandemic free!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION is LIVE! Register through buttons on the parish homepage. **All parishioners in grades 1 through 10, except those who attend Catholic schools, are expected to be enrolled in Faith Formation/Religious Education.** There are options to accommodate family schedules (traditional on-site classes, Families in Faith, and homeschooling support). **Traditional in-person classes begin Sunday, September 18th.** Please register your children as soon as possible so that we have enough materials for them. *****We need catechists to pass on the faith.***** Let us know you are willing to help by using the button on the parish homepage. If you don't want to go it alone ask a family member, Catholic friend, or fellow parishioner to team up with you. I have learned from experience and feedback on last year's Parish Survey that "the personal direct ask" is the best and most responsive way to get people involved. I, as pastor, am only one person who only knows so many parishioners by name/face. I need your help shepherding souls. Director of Religious Education, Lindsay Franzoni, more seasoned catechists, myself, and Deacon Gary are ready and willing to support each another and do our best in educating the minds and hearts of our children with ongoing parental participation and support in the family home, the domestic church. We can't possibly pass on the faith relying on course materials and limited class/lesson time alone. Learning and living the faith mostly takes place at home and during the lives we live as modern disciples of Jesus Christ. The future of the Church depends on what we teach and do now. God gives us all the gifts and grace we need. It is up to us as parents, pastor, DRE, deacon, parishioners- all disciples called and guided by the Spirit today to be Church and help re-build the Church of tomorrow post-pandemic.

The Faith Formation/Religious Education calendar is different from years' past. Sunday afternoon classes are NOT weekly and therefore the **5:30pm will NOT BE WEEKLY**. 5:30pm Masses at Holy Cross this fall are: September 23rd, October 23rd, November 20th, and December 18th. Immaculate Conception will also now have a 5:30pm Mass when classes take place there. 5:30pm Masses at ICC are: October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th.

God Bless - Fr. Brad

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St. Peter Claver | September 9

Born in Catalonia Spain in 1580, Saint Peter Claver studied at first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, Saint Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Columbia where he was ordained in 1615.

Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, “the slave of the Negroes forever.” As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God’s love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith.

He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons.

Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888, by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.

MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, September 3

4:00pm Charles Mastrangelo
Requested by Claire Berg

✠Sunday, September 4

8:30am Jeane Lacivita—Month’s Mass
Requested by Carl Lacivita

10:00am Robert Maher
Requested by the Latlippe Family

✠Monday, September 5

9:00 am Jerry & Rosemary Burke—Living,
Wedding Anniversary*

✠Tuesday, September 6 9:00 am

✠Wednesday, September 7

9:00 am Jack Couture
Requested by Family

✠Thursday, September 8

9:00 am Miles Alfieri—Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Family

✠Friday, September 9

9:00 am Joseph Jakubowski—Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Justyna Gatewood

✠Saturday, September 10

4:00pm Peter Farrell, requested by Peg Malpiede

✠Sunday, September 11

8:30am Annmarie Mahoney, requested by the Huffenus
Family

10:00am Blanche & Ignatius McCann, requested by Louisa
and Family

If you are a family member whose loved one is being remembered in the Mass & would like to bring the gifts to the altar, please see one of the priests or ushers prior to the start of Mass.



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NEWS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgical Ministers

Respect Life Committee
7 PM September 12, 2022
Location: Holy Cross Church Hall
Meeting Room 6.
New members are welcome.
Please email clairepacchielat@gmail.com
with any questions .

September 3 & 4

Lectors

4 pm Penny Brennan
Doreene Gonick

8:30 Virginia Polanski
Brian Sheehan

10am Nancy Donahue
Roy Owens

Communion Ministers

Lori Dixon
Kevin Dixon
Diane Cheevers
Joyce Isiminger
John McLaughlin

Suzanne Willaims
Bob Cunha
Donna Cunha

September 10 & 11

Lectors

4 pm Kevin Kinch
Mary Marsh

8:30 Mike Farrell
Nancy Breef-Pilz

10am Dennis Mizdail
Dick Pieciewicz

Communion Ministers

Marty Reynolds
Joanne Kelly
Teresa Connor

Diane Jussaume
Mark Jussaume
Robin Durgin-King

Joe Kennedy
Janine Couture
Pat Brophy-Signori

The Catechist Lab
CATECHIST FORMATION
Learn the basics of catechesis and skills development during the Fall to pass on the faith to the next generation.
Holy Cross Church
225 Purchase St
South Easton, MA 02375
6:30pm-8:00pm
Thursdays:
September 15th
October 20th
November 17th
For more information please call (508)-238-2235
or email L.Franzoni@holycrosseaston.org



Saturday, September 17

Join Holy Cross in preparing a meal for our brothers and sisters at the Mainspring House on the third Saturday of every month. Bring cooked food items to the lower kitchen behind the church between 1:00 and 2:45 PM. See the Mainspring Meal board in the church vestibule for more information.

Meal Suggestions: **Entrees** (cooked, sliced ham, turkey, chicken, sausages tray or casseroles); **Side Dishes** (mac & cheese, stuffing, rice, mashed or roasted potatoes, pasta salad, etc.); **Mixed Garden Salad; Bread or Rolls; Fruit or Desserts** (individual servings such as cookies, fruit cups, or cut brownies or pastries).

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Downes, cathy.downes@verizon.net (508)742-5957, or Trish Murphy, triciamurph@gmail.com (508) 813-1880.

Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters at Mainspring!

SPONSOR A DAY

Goal: \$43,800

Donations received \$46,961.

Thank you to the following parishioners who sponsored a day in September:

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| John & Patricia Peterson | Mary and John Welch |
| Scott Tower | Joe and Cheryl Kennedy |
| Anthony Fontes | John McLaughlin |
| Paul & Ellen DeCristofaro | Stephen & Nancy Torgerson |
| Gail & Rich McGrath | Michael & Ann Farrell |
| Greg Hagopian | Paul & Jan Golder |
| Arthur Williams | Claire Pacchielat |
| Vincent Hurley | John & Rosemary Heppler |
| Patti Boucher | Donald & Marianne Klok |
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Lewison Family Shelter is looking for donations of Halloween costumes. New and gently used costumes can be left in the narthex of the church until October 16. For questions contact Robin Durgin-King:

(508) 345-5620
robindurgin_king@hotmail.com

Did You Know...

At times, the families of Holy Cross parishioners who have passed away request that gifts in their memories be made to Holy Cross Parish. These gifts are then used for special projects in the parish. This is a wonderful way to honor someone active in our parish at their passing.

We invite you to consider remembering Holy Cross in this way in your funeral arrangements or at the death of a loved one who is a parishioner of Holy Cross.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness will help us continue to minister to the needs of our parishioners and the wider community.

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HELP WANTED!

Holy Cross Retreat House

The Holy Cross Retreat House in North Easton is seeking a Director to lead the Retreat House, and assist in its transition to a stand-alone non-profit as it continues to serve the spiritual needs of the region, with an emphasis on Cursillo and Matt Talbot programs. To apply, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yh7s9e7h> or email your resume to kclauss@holycrossusa.org



Catechists needed for all grade levels (1-10) Training and materials will be provided. Teens are encouraged to volunteer as classroom aides.

Please contact Lindsay Franzoni at lfranzoni@holycrosseaston.org to volunteer or sign up on our website holycrosseaston.org

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READING I Wisdom 9: 13-18

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

READING II Phmn 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL Lk 14: 25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the on-lookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.